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For: FLAKE PIGMENT, PAINT AND POWDER

PAINT CONAINING THE SAME AND

FINISHING AGENT FOR FLAKE PARTICLES

EMPLOYED THEREFOR

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.